



## Arthur Marcell

May 15, 1944 - January 16, 2026

SUAMICO, WI – Arthur Joseph “Coach” Marcell age 81 of Suamico, WI., died from Alzheimer’s complications on Friday, January 16, 2026 at Woodside Villa in Green Bay, WI., where he resided for the last 11 months.

He was born on May 15, 1944 in Norway, the only son of the late Arthur and Lucille (Giacherio) Marcell, Sr.

Art graduated from Norway High School in 1962, and attended Western Michigan University on a baseball scholarship, where he earned a bachelor degree in business education, with a minor in physical education. He later went on to receive a master’s degree in math from Eastern Michigan University.

His teaching career spanned over three- and one-half decades - first in Wisconsin Rapids for two years and then he accepted a position at Oxford High School in lower Michigan, where he remained until his retirement.

As a boy growing up in a small town, Art surrounded himself with sports activities of many kinds; baseball, skating, fishing, biking and swimming. As he grew older, he added basketball, football and hunting. He was a born athlete and outdoorsman.

Over the years he began to realize that his favorite leisure sport was hunting whitetail deer and pheasants from which he acquired many trophy mounts. His favorite competitive sport became baseball, where he developed and excelled playing Babe Ruth and Connie Mack.

In high school with no baseball team at Norway at that time, Art played quarterback on the football team and forward on the basketball team. As a junior he was selected on the All-State second team and as a senior he made All-State first team for basketball, a first for someone at Norway High School at that time! By the time he graduated from high school, his baseball talent brought him several major league offers, but his dad said, "college first".

At Western Michigan, he played mostly shortstop all four years and at Eastern he helped coach their baseball team to a Division One Championship, something he was very proud of, too. Through all his years of teaching you could find him coaching at least one or two of the Oxford Wildcats ball teams.

Upon his retirement, Art decided to return to his northern roots, where most of his family was and chose a home and property in Suamico, where he resided for over 23 years. During the first several years of his retirement he substitute taught and volunteered his help with the ball teams at Bay Port High School in the Howard-Suamico School District.

Art is survived by his three sisters, for whom he would do anything; Charlene (Thomas) McCarthy, Jo Anne (Glenn) Pearson and Jean Anne (James) Bonetti; his number 1 nephew Mark McCarthy; nieces Maribeth (Kevin) Braspennickx, Pamela (Dave) Westphal, Mindy (Andy) Mokszycke, Brianna Bonetti and Melanie (Danny) DiFrancesco; great nephews Bryce, Hunter, Bennett and Camden; and great nieces McKenna, Madelyn and Mia.

Art's loved ones wish to thank, Woodside Villa and Unity Hospice for the

loving care given to “Coach” and the warm compassion shown to the family.

Family will greet relatives and friends on Wednesday, February 4 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Church in Norway.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Church with Fr. Abraham Mupparathara officiating.

Interment will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 11 a.m. at the Norway Township Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Church  
401 Main Street  
Norway, MI 49870

## Memorial Mass

FEB 4. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Church  
401 Main Street  
Norway, MI 49870

## Graveside Service

JUN 23. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Norway Township Cemetery  
Norway Township, MI

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ *My sincerest condolences to Coach’s family and friends.*

*Coach’s impact reached all the way to Australia. I met him in November 2011 at a restaurant in Suamico. We struck up a conversation and discovered we were both heading to see the Packers at Lambeau Field that weekend. Before gameday kickoff, I felt a tap on my shoulder, it was Coach. We exchanged email addresses and stayed in touch for years. When I returned in 2015, he warmly welcomed me into his home. Coach often ended his emails with “Keep smilin’.” I’ll always carry that with me, grateful our paths crossed from opposite sides of the world.*

*I trust he now rests peacefully with the Lord.*

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**Sandra Pekez** - March 14 at 01:24 AM



“ *Mr. Marcell was my eighth grade basketball coach at Oxford - a great coach who taught me a lot. Coach realized (and seemed to appreciate) that I tried to give him all that I had on the court, coining the phrase, "No baloney with Kroney," said with that special Art Marcell grin (just like in the picture posted here), which I remember to this day, some 50+ years later! I saw Coach around 10 years ago or so, having a couple beers together and one of the first things he said was, "No baloney with Kroney" - very cool. RIP.*

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**Timothy K. Kroninger** - February 08 at 07:25 PM

DI

“ *The 2000 team was one of his last teams at Oxford. The black and white photo is from 1998 when the team clinched the Flint Metro League title- one of the winningest seasons in school history.*



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**Dave Inman** - February 04 at 03:44 PM

KM

“ *Sending condolences and deepest sympathy to the Marcell family. Mr. Marcell was my high school math teacher. He never gave up on my lack of understanding for Algebra. He was a dedicated and wonderful teacher. So very sorry for your loss.*

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**Kimberly Mclsaac** - February 04 at 12:20 PM

FI

“ Mr. Marcell was my 8th grade basketball coach and 9th grade Algebra teacher. I was terrible at both. He still accepted me and did what he could! On the court, he taught me to stop making excuses, be a man, and take responsibility for my actions. Algebra? The poor guy was saddled with a student who didn't understand why we were using letters and not numbers! Imagine his surprise when I showed up at Oxford High School ten years later as his teaching colleague in the math department (math major). His response? “You're kidding me”. I finished my 38 year educational career as Superintendent of Schools in Clio, Michigan. I made eight graduation speeches. I take great pride in telling you that Coach/Teacher Art Marcell, a truly significant man who influenced my life, was a significant part of two of those speeches. Rest in peace, Coach.

*Fletcher Spears III*

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**Fletcher Spears III** - February 03 at 05:55 PM

TS

“ Rest in peace dear friend, so many memories during our friendship. Your buddy Terry was there for you during the good times and some tough times. You are now at peace with the Lord.💕

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**Terry and Coocie Sayen** - January 31 at 10:38 AM

MB

“ Mark and Kathy Burgess purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Arthur Marcell.



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**Mark and Kathy Burgess** - January 28 at 05:57 PM

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“ Mark and Kathy Burgess planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur Marcell.

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**Mark and Kathy Burgess** - January 28 at 05:57 PM

BB

“ My thoughts and prayers to the Marcell family. It was a pleasure to have been coached by Coach Marcell back in the early 70's. Not only a great Coach but also a lifelong friend! He will be missed. I remember him saying at our last practice meeting my sophomore year that when we started the year we did know a down field block from a GTO! He taught us the difference. He always threw in some fun at practice! You will be missed my friend.

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**Bruce Biebuyck** - January 28 at 04:27 PM

AC

“ Visits with Art at his Suamico home and later Woodside brought back so many good memories, especially of the Norway High Vikings. Art was quick to respond to those memories. One name Art always remembered was his close friend Terry Sayen from the Gwinn ModelTownners. Both excellent athletes and coaches. I had the pleasure of singing at Woodside with my Barbershop Quartet and took more pleasure in bringing Art and Terry to the front stage where I recalled all their accomplishments. Smiles all around, especially from Art.  
Al Carlotto

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**Al Carlotto** - January 27 at 06:06 PM

DF

“ Denny & Suzanne DeGroot & family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Arthur Marcell.



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**Denny & Suzanne DeGroot & family** - January 27 at 03:49 PM

DI

“ Sending condolences to Coach Marcell’s family and friends. I enjoyed having him as a math teacher and as my high school baseball coach at Oxford High School in the late 1990s, in his final years at Oxford. He was an intense coach, but he liked to have fun and had a good sense of humor and personality. We stayed in touch after he retired and he gave me great advice as I started my own high school teaching and coaching career. I’ll toast my next beer in Coach’s honor and will always remember the impact he had on me in our younger days.

*Dave Inman  
Oxford High School  
Class of 2000*

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**Dave Inman** - January 26 at 12:12 PM

CD

“ Jo Anne and Jean Anne so sorry to hear about Art. Back when I was in High School he invited me to shoot hoops with him at Holy Spirit School. That day he taught me many things about B-ball that really helped me. I can see how he got nickname "Coach". Again, very sorry about his passing.

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**Chuck Day** - January 25 at 11:16 AM

JP

*Thank you Chuck for your kind words about Art. I just learned of Susanne's passing and my condolences to you and your family. Did not realize her and Jerry were together for 51 years. Jerry and his brother were at my brother's funeral.*

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**Jo Anne Pearson** - March 07 at 03:53 PM

TG

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Art's passing. May God keep you all in his loving arms.*

*Terry Noordhoff Gregory* ❤️🙏

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**Terry Gregory** - January 23 at 06:49 PM



“ *JoAnne and family - condolences and hugs to you all - Cindy and Al Bush*

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**Cindy Bush** - January 21 at 07:42 PM